

26 | 1. Evidence of the length of time the applicant has been
 27 | engaged in the business of the construction, repair, or
 28 | abandonment of water wells as a major activity, as attested to
 29 | by a letter from a water well contractor or a letter from a
 30 | water well inspector employed by a governmental agency.

31 | 2. A list of at least 10 water wells permitted in this
 32 | state that the applicant has constructed, repaired, or abandoned
 33 | within the preceding 5 years. Of these wells, at least seven
 34 | must have been constructed, as defined in s. 373.303(2), by the
 35 | applicant. The list shall also include:

36 | a. The name and address of the owner or owners of each
 37 | well.

38 | b. The location, primary use, and approximate depth and
 39 | diameter of each well that the applicant has constructed,
 40 | repaired, or abandoned.

41 | c. The approximate date the construction, repair, or
 42 | abandonment of each well was completed.

43 | (10) Water well contractors licensed under this section
 44 | may install, repair, and modify pumps and tanks in accordance
 45 | with the Florida Building Code, Plumbing; Section 614 ~~612~~ Wells
 46 | pumps and tanks used for private potable water systems. In
 47 | addition, licensed water well contractors may install pumps,
 48 | tanks, and water conditioning equipment for all water systems.

49 | Section 2. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 373.333,
 50 | Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

51 373.333 Disciplinary guidelines; adoption and enforcement;
52 license suspension or revocation.—

53 (1) The department shall adopt by rule disciplinary
54 guidelines applicable to each specific ground for disciplinary
55 action which may be imposed by the water management districts,
56 providing each water management district and representatives of
57 the water well contracting industry with meaningful opportunity
58 to participate in the development of the disciplinary guideline
59 rules as they are drafted. The disciplinary guidelines shall be
60 adopted by each water management district. The guideline rules
61 shall be consistently applied by the water management districts
62 or delegated authority and shall:

63 (a) Specify a meaningful range of designated penalties
64 based upon the severity and repetition of specific offenses.

65 (b) Distinguish minor violations from those which endanger
66 public health, safety, and welfare or contaminate the water
67 resources.

68 (c) Inform the public of likely penalties which may be
69 imposed for proscribed conduct.

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71 A specific finding of mitigating or aggravating circumstances
72 shall allow a water management district to impose a penalty
73 other than that provided in the guidelines. Disciplinary action
74 may be taken by any water management district, regardless of
75 where the contractor's license was issued.

76 (3) Such notice shall be served in the manner required by
 77 law for the service of process upon a person in a civil action
 78 or by certified ~~registered~~ United States mail to the last known
 79 address of the person. The water management district shall send
 80 copies of such notice only to persons who have specifically
 81 requested such notice or to entities with which the water
 82 management district has formally agreed to provide such notice.
 83 Notice alleging a violation of a rule setting minimum standards
 84 for the location, construction, repair, or abandonment of wells
 85 shall be accompanied by an order of the water management
 86 district requiring remedial action which, if taken within the
 87 time specified in such order, will effect compliance with the
 88 requirements of this part and regulations issued hereunder. Such
 89 order shall become final unless a request for hearing as
 90 provided in chapter 120 is made within 30 days from the date of
 91 service of such order. Upon compliance, notice shall be served
 92 by the water management district in a timely manner upon each
 93 person and entity who received notice of a violation, stating
 94 that compliance with the order has been achieved.

95 Section 3. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (1) of
 96 section 373.336, Florida Statutes, to read:

97 373.336 Unlawful acts; penalties.—

98 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:

99 (g) Advertise water well drilling or construction services
 100 if the person is not a licensed water well contractor or does

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101 | not employ a full-time licensed water well contractor.

102 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.